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Soviet Ukrainian Group in New York, N.Y.

Subject: Vladimir Pavlov CHAYKA NO 201
Source: DOB born 18 April 1928, Soldier with Lvov Opera
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Following is the information obtained from Subject on 16 Dec 1968:

1. Although formally in charge of the group was SYVACHENKO N.E., the factual leader was SHORKUN V.S. He was also the one who watched everybody. appeared to be responsible for security of Soviet group in NY Dec 1968
The group itself was organized by Smolych's Society. CHAYKA V. was chosen deliberately as a Lvov-representative for "the sake of exiles" with whom they hoped to meet.

2. Three days before her departure Subject was told she might go abroad if she would pay her fare and all the other ^{travel} expenses. She decided to go and was told to submit 18 photographs and fill in travel documents, or rather forms. Here in the States they are given \$ 4.- per day ^{for food} and "we almost starve", because most people want to save something to buy gifts.

3. Before the group went to Source's house they were given a briefing at the Mission. They were told that they go to the house of nationalists and therefore will have to weigh every single word before pronouncing it. "You are going to the enemies of our state and be careful not to hurt ~~the~~ interests of our fatherland". "Don't forget that the nationalists will analyse everything you say, every single word, so watch your tongue."

Beside the general briefing there were also the individual ones. Thus ALEKOLAY Aleksandrovich dob 21 Feb 1931 in Kharkov PEREPILYTSYA was to play the role of being drunk and ascertain with what questions and by whom he will be approached.

AKA: YERMA Pavel Fedoseyevich dob 24 Dec 1922 Editor of newspaper VIST.
4. ARMAK P.F. was very much impressed by what he saw and heard at Source's house. After his return from the party on 14 Dec he remarkably changed and looked very upset and tense.

5. Some of Subject's friend are "those who write but cannot publish". It is generally known, particularly among youth, about recent arrests and trials in the Ukraine. Despite a new tightening of

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screws Subject was quite optimistic about future developments. According to Subject everybody in the Ukraine and in the Soviet Union in general, puts great hopes on new generations which soon will come to greater influence and strength. Subject praised particularly Ukrainian studentry and young intellectuals who continue their activity ~~under~~ despite the pressure of authorities. Young people are getting more and more aggressive and when someone gets arrested they react with protests, appeals, demonstrations etc. For that reason the KGB is now more cautious than before in making arrests. Young people are not afraid like their parents and become very vocal in their grievances against the regime. The Russification continues in a very subtle manner so that no one in particular could be blamed for it. Fortunately, however, there is an increased resistance against the Russification and again, particularly among youth.

6. According to Subject, the people in the Ukraine appreciate very much the work of emigration about which they are pretty well informed. They also want emigres to visit Ukraine because their sojourn is very helpful to ~~the population~~ ^{them} in "many ways." The work of emigration is a very big help for us because you can do ~~what~~ what we are prohibited even to think of."

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